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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An article container and display device for selectively containing and displaying an article, said device comprising a case/stand comprising:

a first case unit;

a second case unit for removably engaging said first case unit;

a display frame for holding the article;

a first attachment mechanism provided on said display frame for removably engaging said first case unit and a second attachment mechanism provided on said display frame for removably engaging said second case unit;

wherein said case/stand defines a container configuration for concealing the article when said first case unit removably engages said second case unit and said display frame is contained in and enclosed by said first case unit and said second case unit;

wherein said case/stand defines a display stand configuration for displaying the article when said first case unit and said second case unit are disengaged from each other and placed in adjacent relationship to each other and said first attachment mechanism engages said first case unit and said second attachment mechanism engages said second case unit; and

a latch mechanism provided on said first case unit and said second case unit for removably attaching said first case unit to said second case unit.

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2. (Currently amended) ~~The device of claim 1~~ An article container and display device for selectively containing and displaying an article, said device comprising a case/stand comprising:

a first case unit;

a second case unit for removably engaging said first case unit;

a display frame for holding the article;

a first attachment mechanism provided on said display frame for removably engaging said first case unit and a second attachment mechanism provided on said display frame for removably engaging said second case unit;

wherein said case/stand defines a container configuration when said first case unit removably engages said second case unit and said display frame is contained in said first case unit and said second case unit;

wherein said case/stand defines a display stand configuration when said first case unit and said second case unit are placed in adjacent relationship to each other and said first attachment mechanism engages said first case unit and said second attachment mechanism engages said second case unit; and

a latch mechanism provided on said first case unit and said second case unit for removably attaching said first case unit to said second case unit; and

wherein said first attachment mechanism comprises a first pair of attachment flanges and said second attachment mechanism comprises a second pair of attachment flanges.

3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said latch mechanism comprises a latch tongue

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provided on said first case unit and a latch tongue groove provided in said second case unit for removably receiving said latch tongue.

4. (Original) The device of claim 3 wherein said first attachment mechanism comprises a first pair of attachment flanges and said second attachment mechanism comprises a second pair of attachment flanges.

5. (Original) The device of claim 1 comprising at least one first unit pin channel provided in said first case unit, at least one second unit pin channel provided in said second case unit, and at least one first unit stabilizing pin and at least one second unit stabilizing pin provided on said display frame; and wherein said at least one first unit pin channel slidably receives said at least one first unit stabilizing pin and said at least one second unit pin channel slidably receives said at least one second unit stabilizing pin when said case/stand defines said container configuration.

6. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein said first attachment mechanism comprises a first pair of attachment flanges and said second attachment mechanism comprises a second pair of attachment flanges.

7. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein said latch mechanism comprises a latch tongue provided on said first case unit and a latch tongue groove provided in said second case unit for

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removably receiving said latch tongue.

8. (Original) The device of claim 7 wherein said first attachment mechanism comprises a first pair of attachment flanges and said second attachment mechanism comprises a second pair of attachment flanges.

9. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said latch mechanism comprises a first unit latch tongue provided on said first case unit, a second unit latch tongue groove provided in said second case unit for removably receiving said first unit latch tongue, a second unit latch tongue provided on said second case unit, and a first unit latch tongue groove provided in said first case unit for removably receiving said second unit latch tongue.

10. (Original) The device of claim 9 wherein said first attachment mechanism comprises a first pair of attachment flanges and said second attachment mechanism comprises a second pair of attachment flanges.

11. (Original) The device of claim 9 comprising at least one first unit pin channel provided in said first case unit, at least one second unit pin channel provided in said second case unit, and at least one first unit stabilizing pin and at least one second unit stabilizing pin provided on said display frame; and wherein said at least one first unit pin channel slidably receives said at least one first unit

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stabilizing pin and said at least one second unit pin channel slidably receives said at least one second unit stabilizing pin when said case/stand defines said container configuration.

12. (Original) The device of claim 11 wherein said first attachment mechanism comprises a first pair of attachment flanges and said second attachment mechanism comprises a second pair of attachment flanges.

13. (Original) An article container and display device for selectively containing and displaying an article, said device comprising a case/stand comprising:

a first case unit comprising a first case unit interior and a pair of first unit pin channels provided in communication with said first case unit interior;

a second case unit for removably engaging said first case unit, said second case unit comprising a second case unit interior and a pair of second unit pin channels provided in communication with said second case unit interior;

a display frame for holding the article, said display frame comprising a plurality of first unit stabilizing pins and a plurality of second unit stabilizing pins;

a first attachment mechanism provided on said display frame for removably engaging said first case unit and a second attachment mechanism provided on said display frame for removably engaging said second case unit;

wherein said case/stand defines a container configuration when said pair of first unit pin

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channels slidably receives said plurality of first unit stabilizing pins, respectively, said pair of second unit pin channels slidably receives said plurality of second unit stabilizing pins, respectively, said first case unit removably engages said second case unit, and said display frame is contained in said first case unit interior and said second case unit interior;

wherein said case/stand defines a display stand configuration when said first case unit and said second case unit are placed in adjacent relationship to each other and said first attachment mechanism engages said first case unit and said second attachment mechanism engages said second case unit; and

a latch mechanism provided on said first case unit and said second case unit for removably attaching said first case unit to said second case unit.

14. (Original) The device of claim 13 wherein said first attachment mechanism comprises a first pair of attachment flanges and said second attachment mechanism comprises a second pair of attachment flanges.

15. (Original) The device of claim 13 wherein said latch mechanism comprises a latch tongue provided on said first case unit and a latch tongue groove provided in said second case unit for removably receiving said latch tongue.

16. (Original) The device of claim 15 wherein said first attachment mechanism comprises a first pair of attachment flanges and said second attachment mechanism comprises a second pair of

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attachment flanges.

17. (Original) The device of claim 13 wherein said latch mechanism comprises a first unit latch tongue provided on said first case unit, a second unit latch tongue groove provided in said second case unit for removably receiving said first unit latch tongue, a second unit latch tongue provided on said second case unit, and a first unit latch tongue groove provided in said first case unit for removably receiving said second unit latch tongue.

18. (Original) The device of claim 17 wherein said first attachment mechanism comprises a first pair of attachment flanges and said second attachment mechanism comprises a second pair of attachment flanges.

19. (Original) An article container and display device for selectively containing and displaying an article, said device comprising a case/stand comprising:

a first case unit comprising a first case unit interior and at least one first unit frame support channel;

a second case unit for removably engaging said first case unit, said second case unit comprising a second case unit interior and at least one second unit frame support channel;

a display frame for holding the article, said display frame comprising a pair of first unit attachment flanges and a pair of second unit attachment flanges;

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wherein said case/stand defines a container configuration when said first case unit removably engages said second case unit and said display frame is contained in said first case unit interior and said second case unit interior;

wherein said case/stand defines a display stand configuration when said first case unit and said second case unit are placed in adjacent relationship to each other and said pair of first unit attachment flanges engages said first case unit at said at least one first unit frame support channel and said pair of second unit attachment flanges engages said second case unit at said at least one second unit frame support channel; and

a latch mechanism provided on said first case unit and said second case unit for removably attaching said first case unit to said second case unit.

20. (Original) The device of claim 19 comprising at least one first unit pin channel provided in said first case unit in communication with said first case unit interior, at least one second unit pin channel provided in said second case unit in communication with said second case unit interior, and at least one first unit stabilizing pin and at least one second unit stabilizing pin provided on said display frame; and wherein said at least one first unit pin channel slidably receives said at least one first unit stabilizing pin and said at least one second unit pin channel slidably receives said at least one second unit stabilizing pin when said case/stand defines said container configuration.

21. (Original) The device of claim 19 wherein said latch mechanism comprises a first unit

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latch tongue provided on said first case unit, a second unit latch tongue groove provided in said second case unit for removably receiving said first unit latch tongue, a second unit latch tongue provided on said second case unit, and a first unit latch tongue groove provided in said first case unit for removably receiving said second unit latch tongue.

22. (Original) The device of claim 21 comprising at least one first unit pin channel provided in said first case unit in communication with said first case unit interior, at least one second unit pin channel provided in said second case unit in communication with said second case unit interior, and at least one first unit stabilizing pin and at least one second unit stabilizing pin provided on said display frame; and wherein said at least one first unit pin channel slidably receives said at least one first unit stabilizing pin and said at least one second unit pin channel slidably receives said at least one second unit stabilizing pin when said case/stand defines said container configuration.

23. (Currently amended) An article container and display device for selectively containing and displaying an article, said device comprising a case/stand comprising:

a first case unit;

a second case unit for removably engaging said first case unit;

a display frame for holding the article;

a first attachment mechanism provided on said display frame for removably engaging said first case unit and a second attachment mechanism provided on said display frame for removably engaging

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said second case unit;

wherein said case/stand defines a container configuration for concealing the article when said first case unit removably engages said second case unit and said display frame is contained in and enclosed by said first case unit and said second case unit;

wherein said case/stand defines a display stand configuration for displaying the article when said first case unit and said second case unit are disengaged from each other and placed in adjacent relationship to each other and said first attachment mechanism engages said first case unit and said second attachment mechanism engages said second case unit;

a first latch slidably carried by said first case unit for removably engaging said second case unit; and

a second latch slidably carried by said second case unit for removably engaging said first case unit.